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1. The school is situated north of the main street of Ryazan (54-40N, 39-40E) on a large square, probably a former market place.
2. Railway station No.I is about 1 km northwest of the school. This station is on the Moscow-Kuibyshev and Moscow-Voronezh railway. Railway station No. II is about 1.5 kms east of the school on the narrow gauge Ryazan-Vladimir railway.
3. The school is in a two-story stone building, 40 x 25 meters, situated in a 100 x 175 meter yard bounded by an iron fence.
4. The strength of the school is three companies of about 150 men each. There are many officers, presumably instructors. The pupils are well-disciplined and unassuming. The troops wear well-made khaki uniforms with red shoulder boards. Two companies are without rank insignia. One company has Yefreitor insignia on its shoulder boards. The troops carry rifles, gas masks, machine carbines, and machine guns. The Yefreitor company has almost exclusively machine carbines. On the march, haversacks, water bottles, and entrenching tools are also carried.
5. Daily exercises took place in the area of railway station No.I; the troops usually marched out in that direction. Medium and heavy mortars, small, probably anti-tank, guns, and various type of armored vehicles were also observed.

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